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HISTORY

Paper : HISMAJ1014

(Introduction to Ancient Indian History)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Choose the correct answer : 1×6=6
 - (a) The earliest evidence of human habitation in India comes from which period ?
 - (i) Neolithic
 - (ii) Palaeolithic
 - (iii) Chalcolithic
 - (iv) Mesolithic
 - (b) Which of the following sites is known for Mesolithic remains ?
 - (i) Bhimbetka
 - (ii) Kalibangan

- (iii) Mohenjo-daro
 (iv) Lothal
- (c) Which of the Mahajanapadas was situated in the region of modern-day Bihar ?
- (i) Avanti
 (ii) Magadha
 (iii) Kuru
 (iv) Gandhara
- (d) The Sabha and Samiti during the Vedic period were :
- (i) Tribal Councils or Assemblies
 (ii) Warrior Groups
 (iii) Religious Ceremonies
 (iv) Cabinet Ministry
- (e) Kautilya was the minister of
- (i) Asoka
 (ii) Samudra Gupta
 (iii) Chandragupta Maurya
 (iv) Bimbisara
- (f) Which one of the following dynasties' rules was considered as golden period in Ancient India ?
- (i) Nanda dynasty
 (ii) Maurya dynasty
 (iii) Gupta dynasty
 (iv) Pushyabhuti dynasty

2. Answer **any five** of the following questions :
 2×5=10
- (a) Define the term 'prehistory'.
 (b) Name *two* important sites of the Indus Valley Civilization.
 (c) Mention *any two* of the Mahajanapadas.
 (d) Name *two* important kingdoms during the Vedic Age.
 (e) Who founded the Maurya Empire ?
 (f) What was the main source of Gupta Empire's economy ?
 (g) Name *two* important dynasties that emerged after the Gupta Empire.
3. Write short notes on **any six** of the following :
 5×6=30
- (a) Key features of Neolithic settlements in India
 (b) Discovery of fire during the Palaeolithic period
 (c) Seals of the Indus Valley Civilization
 (d) Factors led to the rise of Mahajanapadas in Ancient India
 (e) Chandragupta Maurya as the founder of the Mauryan Empire

- (f) Cultural and scientific achievements of the Guptas
- (g) Economic condition of the Guptas
- (h) Political situation in India after the fall of the Gupta Empire
- (i) Political significance of the Huna invasion in the post-Gupta Indian history

4. Answer **any two** of the following questions:

12×2=24

- (a) Evaluate the political, economic and social organization of the Indus Valley Civilization based on archaeological evidence.
 - (b) Discuss the role of the Mahajanapadas in the political and economic evolution of early-historic India.
 - (c) What is Dhamma? Assess the impact of Ashoka's policy of Dhamma on the Mauryan empire.
 - (d) Discuss the contributions of the Rashtrakutas in art, literature and architecture.
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